***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
2020 Budget**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we preview Missouri’s upcoming fiscal year…

**Nat Snd :06 Q: a balanced budget.**

Fiscal Year 2020 will start on July 1. The budget totals $29.7 billion.

In a rare move, the governor did not veto any line items, nor did he withheld any funding.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee Chair](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/), Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, says education tops this year’s priority list…

 **Hegeman :08 Q funded the formula.**

But, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur cautions “fully funded” is not the same as it once was…

 **Schupp :10 Q: formula fully funded.**

Senator Mike Cunningham of Rogersville, who also serves on the Missouri Senate Appropriations panel, adds lawmakers were able to add record funding for *higher* education…

 **Cunningham :03 Q: all of them.**

Senator Karla May of St. Louis points out the bulk of the budget comes from state taxpayers…

 **May :08 Q: state’s revenue sources.**

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville also says parts of the budget address some of the flooding our state is seeing this year…

 **Luetkemeyer :07 Q: least temporarily relocate.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says she is still not happy with the way the [Missouri Department of Revenue](https://dor.mo.gov/) handled taxes this year…

 **Walsh :10 Q: not do that.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says the Legislature also added funding to fix some rural bridges…

 **Rowden :07 Q: the final budget.**

During initial Missouri Senate discussion of the budget on April 24, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City talked about why lawmakers should *not* legislate through appropriations…

 **Holsman :05 Q: through the budget.**

Fiscal Year 2020 will run from this coming Monday, July 1, through June 30 of next year.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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